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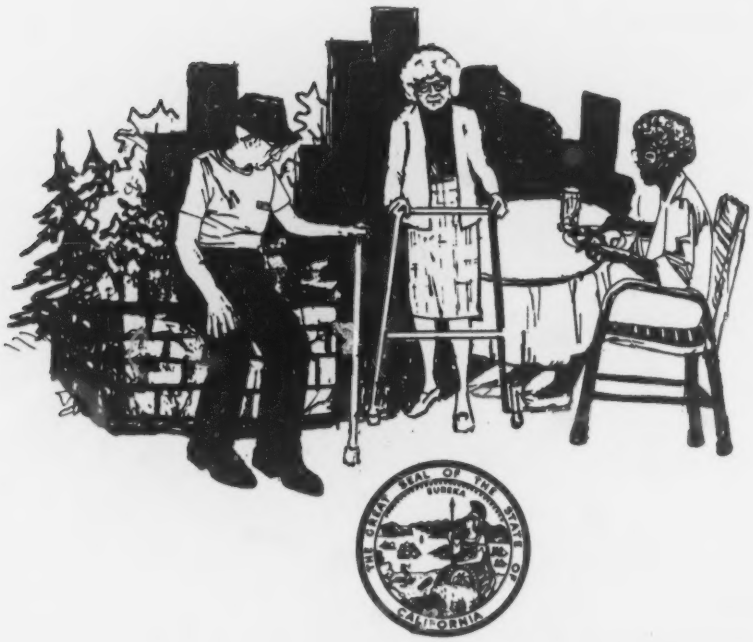
DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE

CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

Chapter 1184, Statutes of 1982 (AB 1805) and Chapter 1273, Statutes of 1983 (SB 1210) are concerned with adult abuse. AB 1805 focuses on abuse of dependent adults (18 through 64 years old); SB 1210 is specific to elder abuse (65 years and older). The bills include specific reporting mandates. A report to the Legislature on the characteristics of the abused is one of those mandates. This survey was conducted to provide data for that report.

Highlights

- The July 1984 Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse Characteristics Survey was based on data drawn from all of the reports of abuse received by the county welfare department for the study month. For July, 233 Dependent Adults and 456 Elder survey documents were processed, for a total of 689 reports included in this study.

- Overall, almost three-fourths of the abused (72.3 percent were female. The average age of the abused person was 67 years.

- Over half of the abusers (50.5 percent) were male. The average age of the abuser was 48 years. In seven in ten (69.4 percent) reports, the abuser had some family relationship to the abused person.

- Physical abuse was present in almost half (47.6 percent) of the reported abuses. Of those, hospitalization was required in almost a quarter (22.6 percent) of the cases.

- The abuse was most often (34.1 percent) reported by a medical practitioner or employee. The abuse had usually (84.3 percent) taken place in a private residence in an urban (83.3 percent) area.

INTRODUCTION/METHODOLOGY

The statistical data included in this report was developed to meet the mandates of Section 15620 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requiring a report to the Legislature on Dependent Adult and Elder abuse.

A Dependent Adult was defined as a person between the ages of 18 and 64 years who had physical, mental or financial limitations which restricted his or her individual ability to carry out normal activities of daily living, ability to protect his or her own rights, and which threatened the individual's capacity to live an independent life. An Elder was a person 65 years or older.

The study month selected was July 1984. The State Department of Social Services developed a questionnaire for the counties to complete for their reported instances of Dependent Adult and Elder abuse. This study includes:

- data developed from reports for 100 percent of the study universe;
- data for Dependent Adults and Elders separately and combined for overall data;
- statewide participation from the 58 counties;
- data developed to meet the specific areas of interest specified in legislation AB 1805 and SB 1210.

The survey instrument was a one-page (8-1/2 inches by 11 inches) questionnaire with questions on one side and specific item instructions on the reverse. See Appendix A for the questionnaire and instructions. Questions were directed to cover the following main areas:

- The Abused
- The Abuser
- The Abuse
- The Services

This survey questionnaire and instructions were directed towards an abuse activity with an alleged abuser or perpetrator. Some counties submitted completed questionnaires wherein the abuse activity was self-inflicted by the abused. Because this was not the intent of the legislation and was not addressed in the survey questionnaire instructions, these reports were not included in the study universe. The data has been coded and key-entered on a computer file for future use if the opportunity for appropriate utilization arises.

PROFILES

Profile 1 -Combined Dependent Adults and Elders

The Abused

The composite abused person was most often a female (72.3 percent) 67 years of age. One-half (59.9 percent) of the abused were White, followed by Hispanic (11.9 percent) and Black (7.4 percent).

The Abuser

The alleged abuser was most often male (50.5 percent). The sex of one in ten abusers (12.3 percent) was unknown. The average known age of the abuser was 48 years. About four in ten (42.5 percent) ages were unknown. Half (50.5 percent) of the abusers were White. About a quarter (28.5 percent) of the suspected abusers were of unknown ethnicity.

The abuser was usually (69.4 percent) a family member. Spouses (19.0 percent) or offspring (30.9 percent) were most often the abusing person. In those cases reported as no relation (22.9 percent), there was no family relationship, but a caretaker, provider, housekeeper or landlord type of relationship was identified in many cases.

The Abuse

Physical abuse was present in almost half (47.6 percent) of the reports, followed by fiduciary (37.7 percent), neglect (28.6 percent) and mental (26.4 percent). When physical abuse was present, hospitalization or a health care provider was required in a third (32.1 percent) of the cases. More than one type of abuse was present in over a third of the cases. The reported abuse was committed daily in a quarter (26.9 percent) of the cases. The abuse occurred in an urban area most often (83.3 percent) and was also most often (84.2 percent) in a private residence. Institutional abuse was reported in less than one in ten (8.9 percent) instances.

The Services

Over eight in ten (85.9 percent) of the abused persons indicated they would accept some type of services relative to the abuse. Most of these (94.1 percent) received Adult Protective Services as offered by the county welfare department.

Profile 2 - Dependent Adults

The Abused

The abused Dependent Adult was most often a female (70.8 percent) 44 years of age. One-half (49.8 percent) of the abused were White, followed by Hispanic (18.0 percent) and Black (7.3 percent).

The Abuser

The alleged abuser was most often male (58.4 percent). The sex of one in ten abusers (12.9 percent) was unknown. The average age of the abuser was 42 years. About four in ten (41.1 percent) ages were unknown. Half (45.1 percent) of the abusers were White. Over a quarter (30.0 percent) of the suspected abusers were of unknown ethnicity.

The abuser was usually (68.7 percent) a family member. Spouses (26.2 percent or offspring (18.9 percent) were most often the abusing person. In those cases reported as no relation (21.9 percent), there was no family relationship, but a caretaker, provider, housekeeper or landlord type of relationship was identified in many cases.

The Abuse

Physical abuse was present in over half (52.8 percent) of the reports, followed by fiduciary (29.6 percent), neglect (25.3 percent) and mental (26.2 percent). More than one type of abuse was present in over a third of the cases. The reported abuse was committed daily in a quarter (26.6 percent) of the cases. The abuse occurred in an urban area most often (80.3 percent) and was also most often (80.2 percent) in a private residence. Institutional abuse was reported in less than one in ten (9.4 percent).

The Services

Over eight in ten (86.6 percent) of the abused persons indicated they would accept some type of services relative to the abuse. Most of these (94.6 percent) received Adult Protective Services as offered by the county welfare department.

Profile 3 - Elders

The Abused

The reported abused Elder was most often a female (73.0 percent) 78 years of age. Almost two-thirds (65.1 percent) of the abused were White, followed by Hispanic (8.8 percent) and Black (7.5 percent).

The Abuser

The alleged abuser was most often male (46.5 percent). The sex of one in ten abusers (12.1 percent) was unknown. The average age of the abuser was 51 years. About four in ten (43.1 percent) ages were unknown. Half (53.3 percent) of the abusers were White. Over a quarter (27.6 percent) of the suspected abusers were of unknown ethnicity.

The abuser was usually (69.9 percent) a family member. Spouses (15.5 percent) and offspring (37.1 percent) were most often the abusing person. In those cases reported as no relation (23.3 percent) there was no family relationship, but a caretaker, provider, housekeeper or landlord type of relationship was identified in many cases.

The Abuse

Physical abuse was present in almost half (45.0 percent) of the reports, followed by fiduciary (41.9 percent), neglect (30.3 percent) and mental (26.5 percent). More than one type of abuse was present in almost a half of the cases. The reported abuse was committed daily in a quarter (27.0 percent) of the cases. The abuse occurred in an urban area most often (84.9 percent) and was also most often (86.2 percent) in a private residence. Institutional abuse was reported in less than one in ten (8.5 percent).

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THE

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Age of the Abused

Table 1

For the month of July 1984, 689 reports of abuse were processed to establish the data file for the Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse Characteristics Survey. The classification of Dependent Adults versus Elders was determined by the age of the reported abused person. Dependent Adults were 18 years through 64 years and Elders were 65 and older. For the July study month over one-third (33.8 percent) were Dependent Adults and the remaining two-thirds (66.2 percent) were Elders.

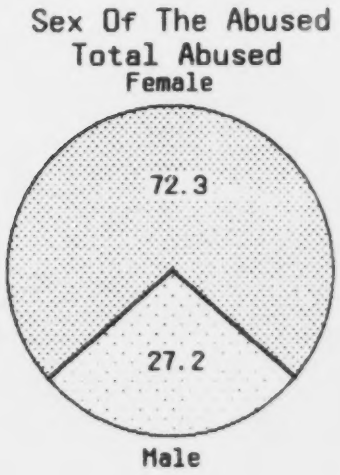
DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 1
Age of the Abused
July 1984

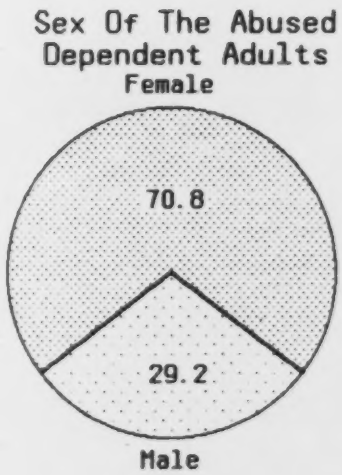
Age	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL....	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
18-64 years	233	33.8	233	100.0	---	---
65 and over	456	66.2	---	---	456	100.0
Average Age	67 years		44 years		78 years	

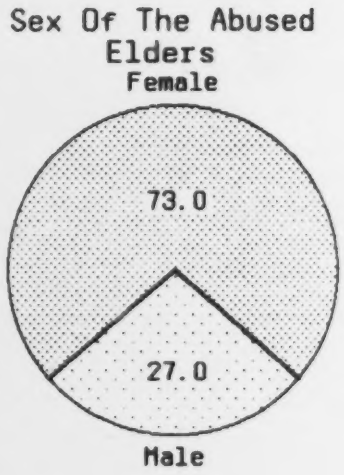
Sex of the Abused

Table 2

Overall, slightly more than a quarter (27.7 percent) of the reported abused were males, and the remaining three quarters (72.3 percent) were females. These percentages were relatively consistent in the Dependent Adult and in the Elder segments.







DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 2
Sex of the Abused
July 1984

Sex	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL....	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Male	191	27.7	68	29.2	123	27.0
Female	498	72.3	165	70.8	333	73.0

Ethnicity of the Abused

Table 3

With such a large percentage of unknowns (19.5 percent), it was somewhat inconclusive to make statements about ethnic trends. The reports of abuse of Asian ethnics was significantly below their proportion in the overall population. The other ethnic proportions were relatively close to their percent in the overall population.

The percentage of the abused Blacks was consistent between the Dependent Adults and the Elders. Abused Whites constitute a much higher proportion of the total in the Elders than in Dependent Adults, while the Hispanics were much more prevalent in the Dependent Adults than they were in the Elder category.

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 3
Ethnicity of the Abused
July 1984

Ethnicity	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
White	413	59.9	116	49.8	297	65.1
Black	51	7.4	17	7.3	34	7.5
Asian	6	0.9	4	1.7	2	0.4
Hispanic	82	11.9	42	18.0	40	8.8
Other	3	0.4	1	0.4	2	0.4
Unknown	134	19.5	53	22.8	81	17.8

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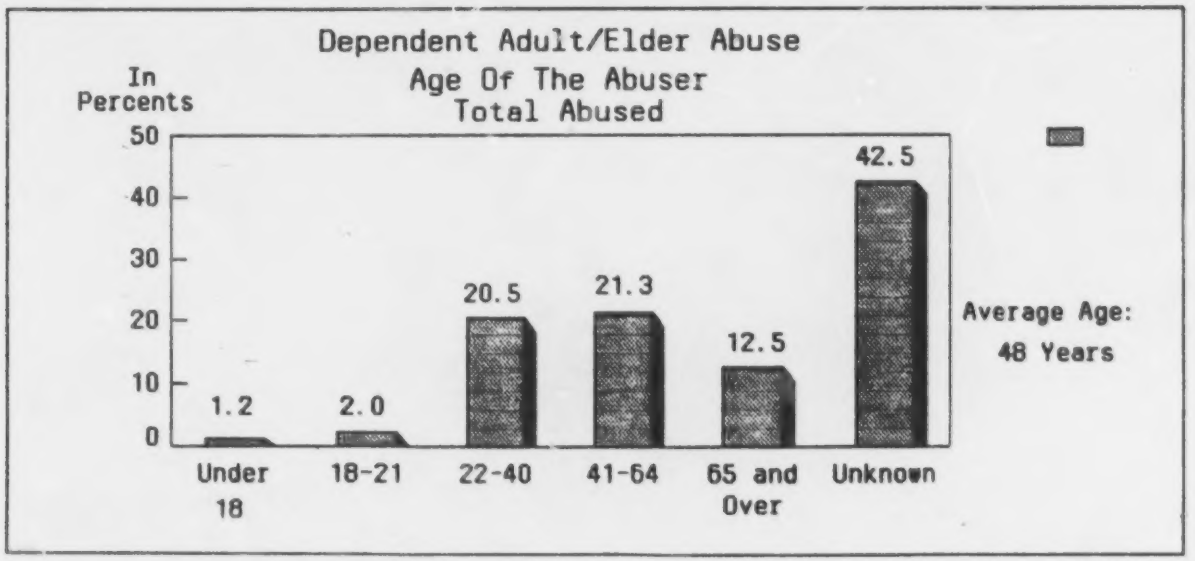
Age of the Abuser

Table 4

Of the reported abuse incidents, the age of the abuser in more than four in ten (42.5 percent) was unknown. In another four in ten (41.8 percent), the age of the alleged abuser was between 22 and 64 years. The abuser generally was younger than the person they abused. As would be expected, the age of the abuser of the Elder was generally older than the abuser of a Dependent Adult.



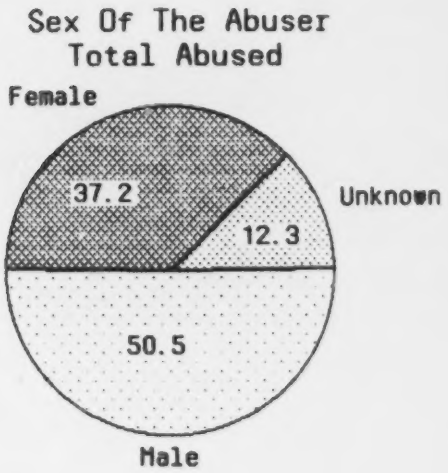
DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 4
Age of the Abuser
July 1984

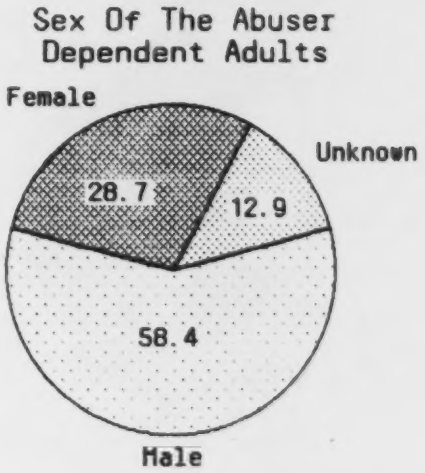
Age	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Under 18 years	8	1.2	4	1.7	4	0.9
18-21	14	2.0	9	3.9	5	1.1
22-40	141	20.5	60	25.8	81	17.8
41-64	147	21.3	54	23.2	93	20.4
65 and Older	86	12.5	10	4.3	76	16.7
Unknown	293	42.5	96	41.1	197	43.1
Average Age	48 years		42 years		51 years	

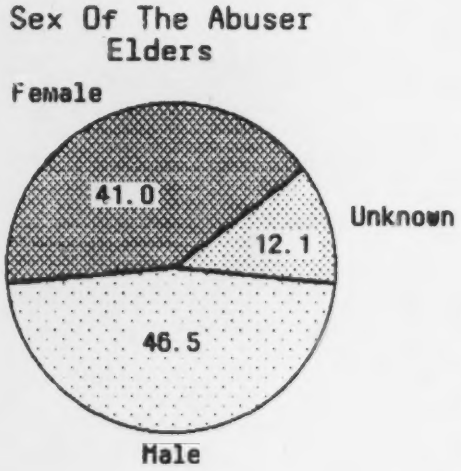
Sex of the Abuser

Table 5

While the gender of the abused person was predominately female, the sex of the alleged abuser was more often male. If the unknowns are disregarded, the abuser is male in about six of ten incidents.







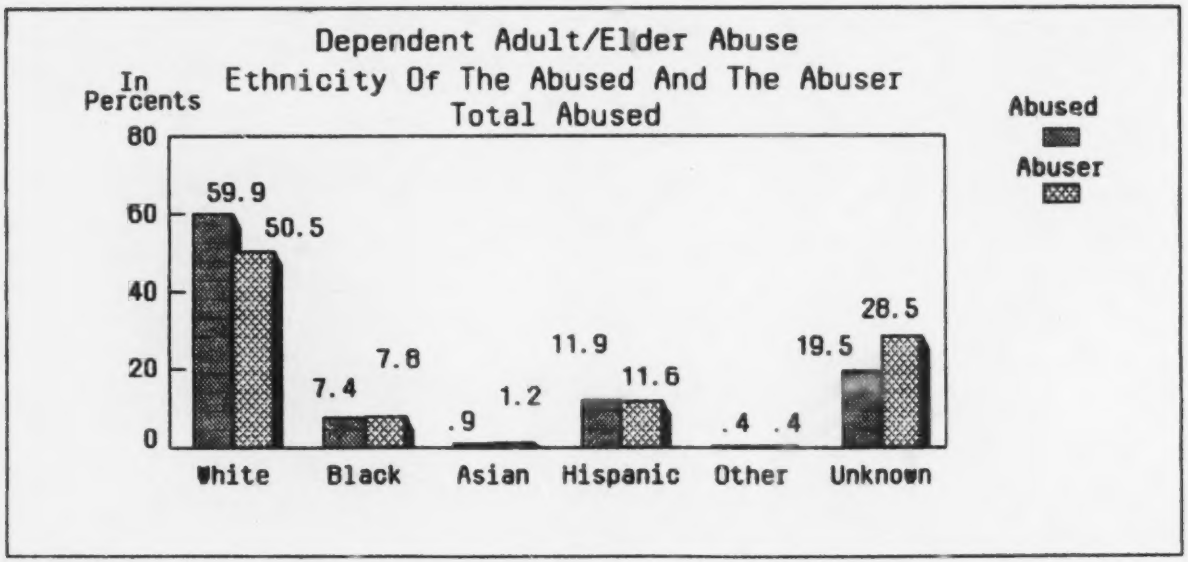
DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 5
Sex of the Abuser
July 1984

Sex	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Male	348	50.5	136	58.4	212	46.5
Female	256	37.2	67	28.7	189	41.4
Unknown	85	12.3	30	12.9	55	12.1

Ethnicity of the Abuser

Table 6

As would be expected, the ethnicity of the abuser followed the ethnicity of the abused (Table 3). Over a quarter (28.5 percent) of the reported abusers were reported of unknown ethnicity.



DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 6
Ethnicity of the Abuser
July 1984

Ethnicity	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
White	348	50.5	105	45.1	243	53.3
Black	54	7.8	17	7.3	37	8.1
Asian	8	1.2	5	2.2	3	0.7
Hispanic	80	11.6	35	15.0	45	9.9
Other	3	0.4	1	0.4	2	0.4
Unknown	196	28.5	70	30.0	126	27.6

Relationship of the Suspected Abuser to the Victim

Table 7

As previously indicated, in both the Dependent Adult and Elder segments, most abuse was perpetrated by family members. Within the family, the spouse or offspring was most often the alleged abuser.

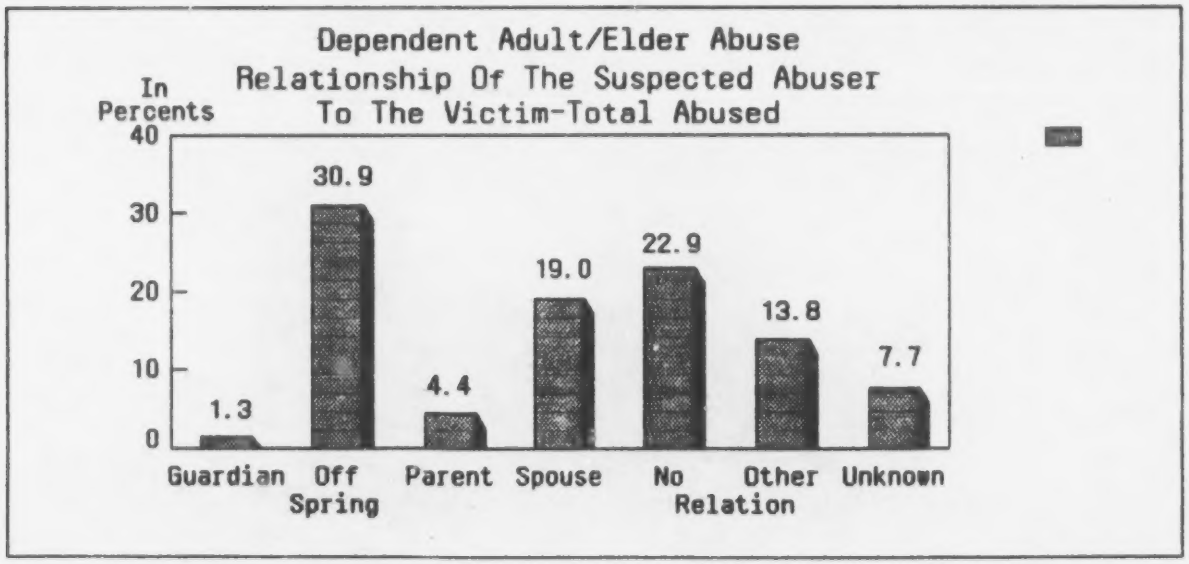


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TABLE 7
Relationship of the Suspected Abuser to the Victim
July 1984

Relationship	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Guardian	9	1.3	2	0.9	7	1.5
Spouse	131	19.0	61	26.2	70	15.5
Parent	30	4.4	28	12.0	2	0.4
Offspring	213	30.9	44	18.9	169	37.1
Other Relation	95	13.8	25	10.7	70	15.4
No Relation	158	22.9	51	21.9	107	23.3
Unknown	53	7.7	22	9.4	31	6.8

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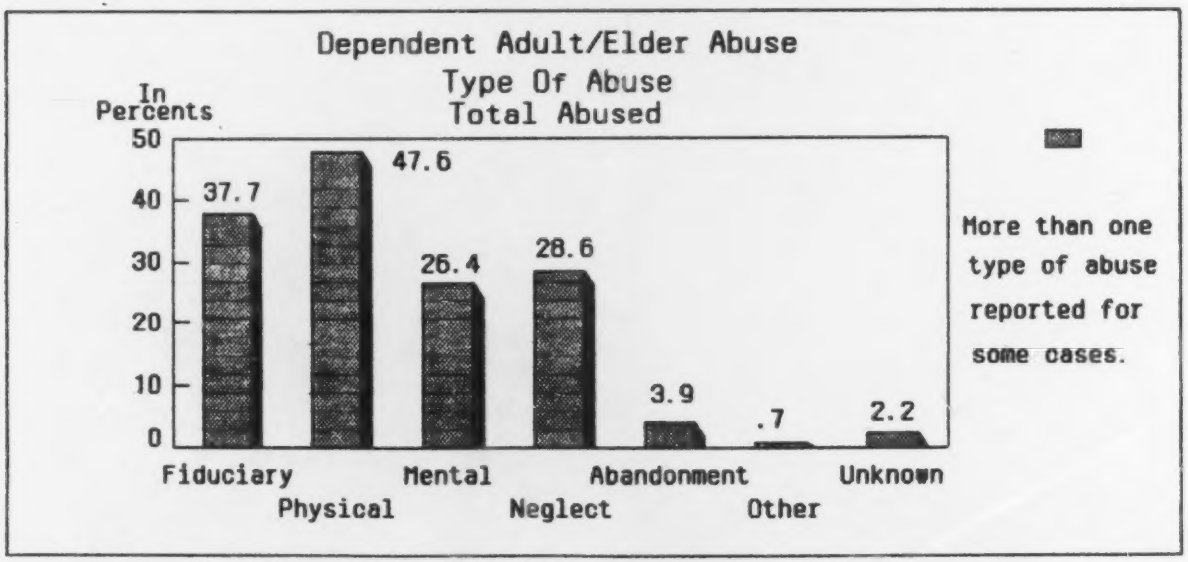
Type of Abuse

Table 8

While more than one type of abuse may be present, physical abuse was present in almost half (47.6 percent) of the incidents. Fiduciary abuse was much more common with the Elders than with the Dependent Adults.



DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 8
Type of Abuse
July 1984

Abuse	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689 1/	100.0 1/	233 1/	100.0 1/	456 1/	100.0 1/
Fiduciary	260	37.7	69	29.6	191	41.9
Physical	328	47.6	123	52.8	205	45.0
Mental	182	26.4	61	26.2	121	26.5
Neglect	197	28.6	59	25.3	138	30.3
Abandonment	27	3.9	11	4.7	16	3.5
Other	5	0.7	1	0.4	4	0.9
Unknown	15	2.2	7	3.0	8	1.8

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DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 9
Frequency of Abuse
July 1984

Frequency	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Daily	185	26.9	62	26.6	123	27.0
Weekly	23	3.3	9	3.9	14	3.1
Monthly	35	5.1	6	2.6	29	6.4
Sporadically	152	22.1	56	24.0	96	21.1
Unknown	294	42.6	100	42.9	194	42.4

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 10
Area Where Abuse Occurred
July 1984

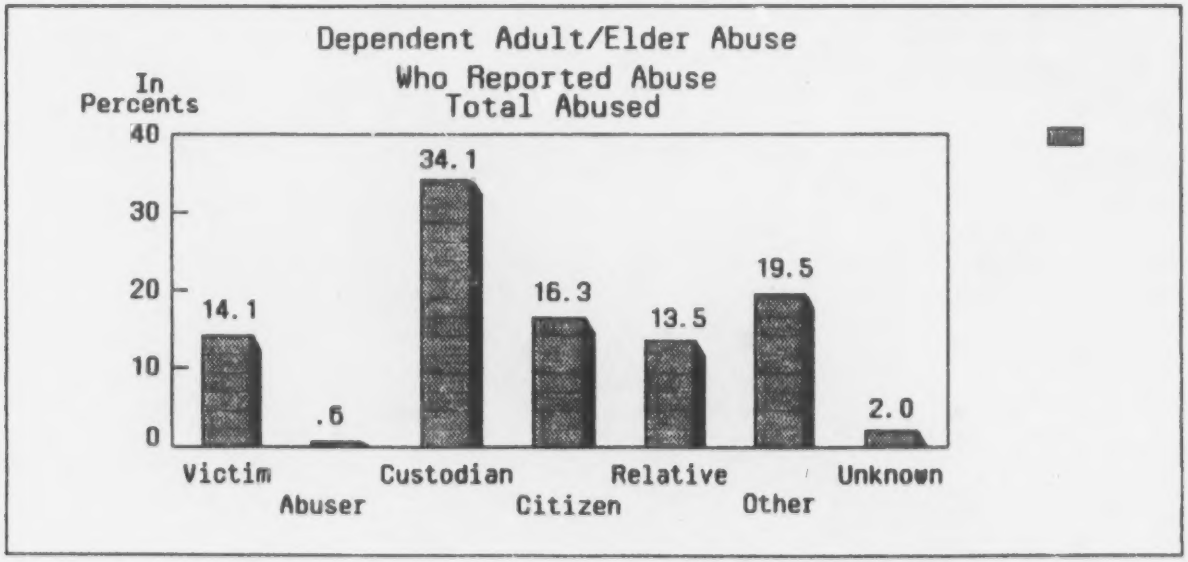
Area	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Urban	574	83.3	187	80.2	387	84.9
Rural	90	13.1	33	14.2	57	12.5
Unknown	25	3.6	13	5.6	12	2.6

Who Reported Abuse

Table 11

Most reports (34.0 percent) of alleged abuse were received from care custodians, medical practitioners, etc. Concerned citizens and relatives also had records of significant reports of abuse.

While almost a quarter (22.8 percent) of the Dependent Adult victims reported their own abuse, less than one in ten (9.7 percent) of the Elders reported their own abuse.



DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 11
Who Reported Abuse
July 1984

Report	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Victim	97	14.1	53	22.8	44	9.7
Abuser	4	0.6	2	0.9	2	0.4
Custodian, Practitioner, Employee, etc.	235	34.0	80	34.2	155	34.1
Concerned Citizen	112	16.3	32	13.7	80	17.5
Relative	93	13.5	29	12.5	64	14.0
Other	134	19.5	35	15.0	99	21.7
Unknown	14	2.0	2	0.9	12	2.6

Location of Abuse

Table 12

Over eight in ten (84.3 percent) of the reported abuses took place in a private residence. This would agree with the relationship of the abuser (Table 7) which indicated in most cases there was a family type relationship present.

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 12
Location of Abuse
July 1984

Location	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Private Residence	581	84.2	188	80.7	393	86.2
Institution	61	8.9	22	9.4	39	8.5
Other	21	3.1	12	5.2	9	2.0
Unknown	26	3.8	11	4.7	15	3.3

Extent of Injury for Physical Injury

Table 13

For those cases with physical abuse, no injury was present in two in ten (19.5 percent) cases. An additional two in ten (22.3 percent) physical abuses did not require professional medical attention. Approximately three in ten (32.1 percent) required hospitalization or a health care provider.

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TABLE 13
Extent of Injury for Physical Injury
July 1984

Extent	Total Abused			Dependent Adults			Elders		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
TOTAL...	689	100.0		233	100.0		456	100.0	
Not Physical Abuse	361	52.4		110	47.2		251	55.0	
Physical Abuse	328	47.6	100.0	123	52.8	100.0	205	45.0	100.0
No Injury	64		19.5	24		19.5	40		19.5
Death	2		0.6	---		---	2		1.0
Hospitalization	74		22.6	22		17.9	52		25.4
Healthcare Provider	31		9.5	14		11.4	17		8.3
No Medical Treatment	73		22.3	34		27.6	39		19.0
Unknown	84		25.5	29		23.6	55		26.8

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DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 14
Incident Referred for Services
July 1984

Referred	Total Abused		Dependent Adults		Elders	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL...	689	100.0	233	100.0	456	100.0
Will Accept	592	85.9	202	86.6	390	85.5
No Services Needed	38	5.5	12	5.2	26	5.7
No Services Available	19	2.8	9	3.9	10	2.2
Client Refused	29	4.2	7	3.0	22	4.8
Unknown	11	1.6	3	1.3	8	1.8

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TABLE 15
Referral for Accepted Services
July 1984

Referral	Total Abused			Dependent Adults			Elders		
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	
TOTAL...	689	100.0		233	100.0		456	100.0	
Not Referred	106	15.2		31	13.3		66	14.5	
Referred	592 1/	84.2	100.0 1/	202 1/	86.7	100.0 1/	390 1/	85.5	100.0 1/
CWD/Adult Protective Services	557		94.1	191		94.6	366		93.8
Private Agency	14		2.4	7		3.5	7		1.8
Public Agency	71		12.0	30		14.6	41		10.5
Other	6		1.0	1		0.5	5		1.3

1/ Columns may not add to totals shown due to more than one type of referral present.

CROSS TABULATION

TABLES

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 16
THE SEX OF THE ABUSED RELATIVE TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE ABUSER
JULY 1984

Relationship	Total	Total Abused				Dependent Adults				Elders			
		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL....	689	191	100.0	498	100.0	68	100.0	165	100.0	123	100.0	333	100.0
Guardian	9	5	55.6	4	44.4	1	50.0	1	50.0	4	57.1	3	42.9
Spouse	131	29	22.1	102	77.9	9	14.8	52	85.2	20	28.6	50	71.4
Parent	30	17	56.7	13	43.3	16	57.1	12	42.9	1	50.0	1	50.0
Offspring	213	41	19.2	172	80.8	6	13.6	38	86.4	35	20.7	134	79.3
Other Relation	95	26	27.4	69	72.6	11	44.0	14	56.0	15	21.4	55	78.6
No Relation	158	55	34.8	103	65.2	17	33.3	34	66.7	38	35.5	69	64.5
Unknown	53	18	34.0	35	66.0	8	36.6	14	63.6	10	32.3	21	67.7

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 17
AGE OF THE ABUSER RELATIVE TO THE SEX OF THE ABUSER
JULY 1984

		Total Abused						Dependent Adults						Elders					
		Male		Female		Unknown		Male		Female		Unknown		Male		Female		Unknown	
Age	Total	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL....	689	348	100.0	256	100.0	85	100.0	136	100.0	67	100.0	30	100.0	212	100.0	189	100.0	55	100.0
Under 18 Years	8	4	50.0	4	50.0			2	50.0	2	50.0			2	50.0	2	50.0		
18-21 Years	14	10	71.4	4	28.6			8	88.9	1	11.1			2	40.0	3	60.0		
22-40 Years	141	90	63.8	50	35.5	1	0.7	39	65.0	20	33.3	1	1.7	51	63.0	30	37.0		
41-64 Years	147	79	53.7	65	44.2	3	2.1	34	63.0	20	37.0			45	48.4	45	48.4	3	3.2
65+ Years	86	47	54.6	38	44.2	1	1.2	6	60.0	4	40.0			41	54.0	34	44.7	1	1.3
Unknown	293	118	40.3	95	32.4	80	27.3	47	49.0	20	20.8	29	30.2	71	36.0	75	38.1	51	25.9

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
TABLE 18
THE SEX OF THE ABUSER RELATIVE TO THE SEX OF THE ABUSED
JULY 1984

Sex	Total	Total Abused				Dependent Adults				Elders			
		Male		Female		Male		Female		Male		Female	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL....	689	191	100.0	498	100.0	68	100.0	165	100.0	123	100.0	333	100.0
Male	348	75	21.6	273	78.4	27	19.9	109	80.2	48	22.6	164	77.4
Female	256	87	34.8	169	66.0	27	40.3	40	59.7	60	31.8	129	68.2
Unknown	85	29	34.1	56	65.9	14	46.7	16	53.3	15	27.2	40	72.7

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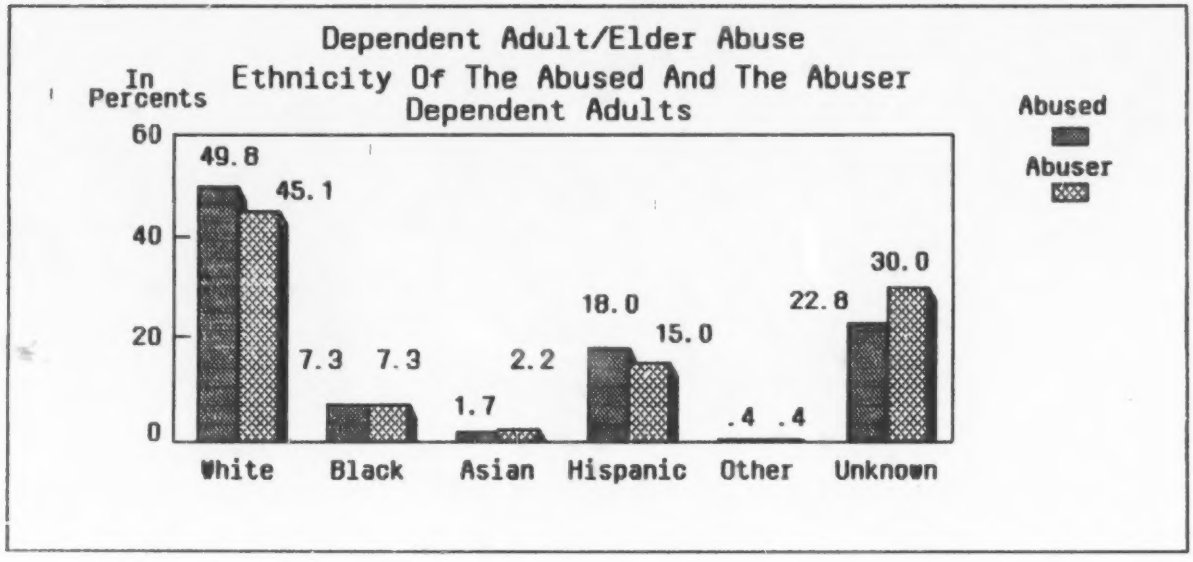
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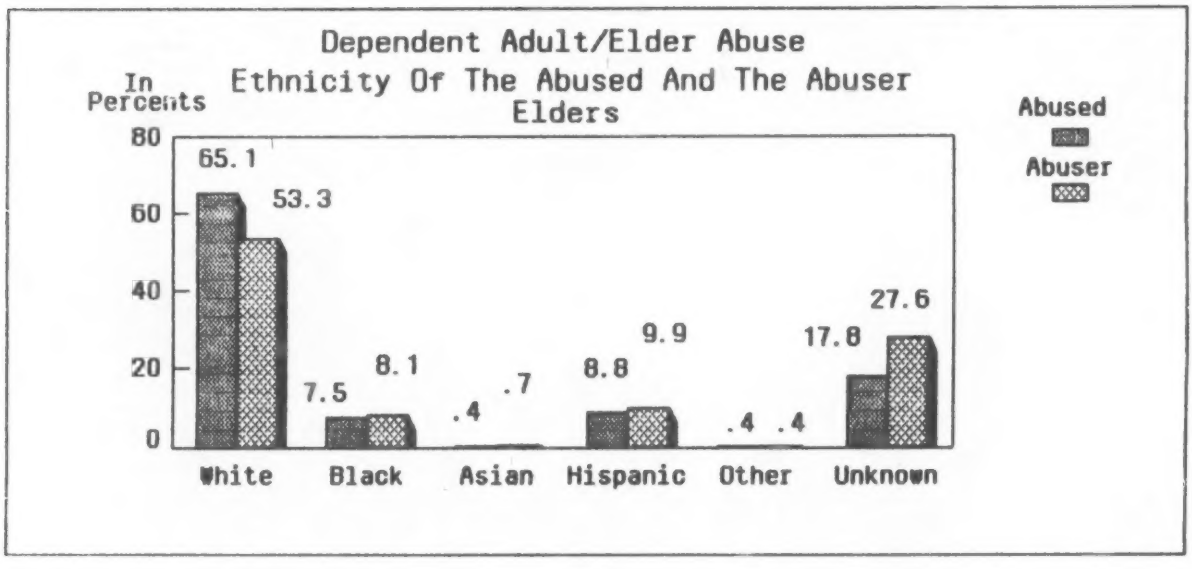
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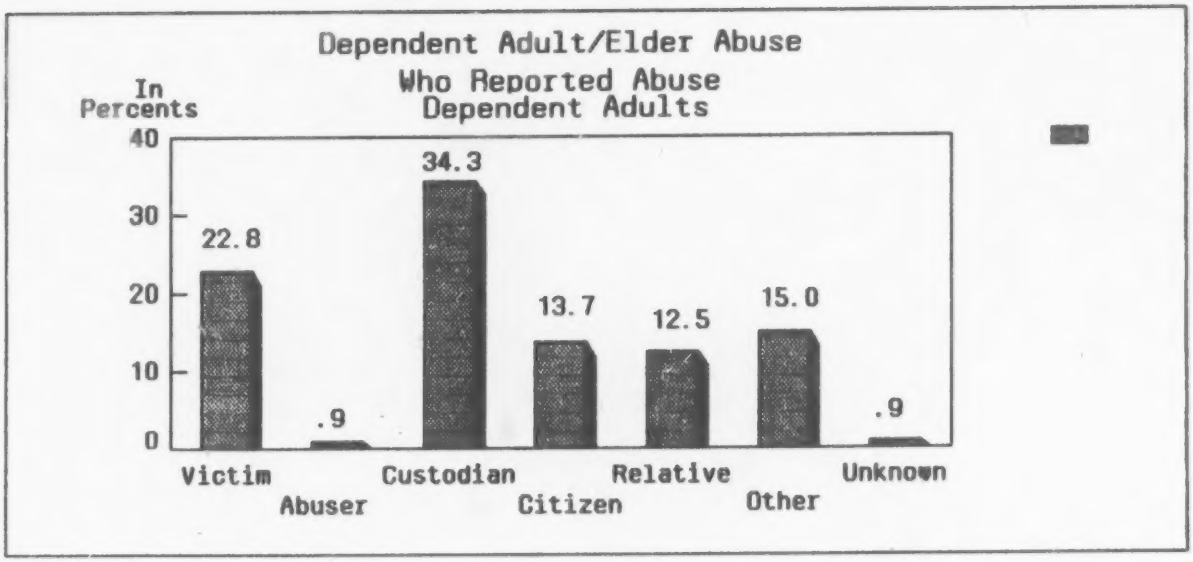
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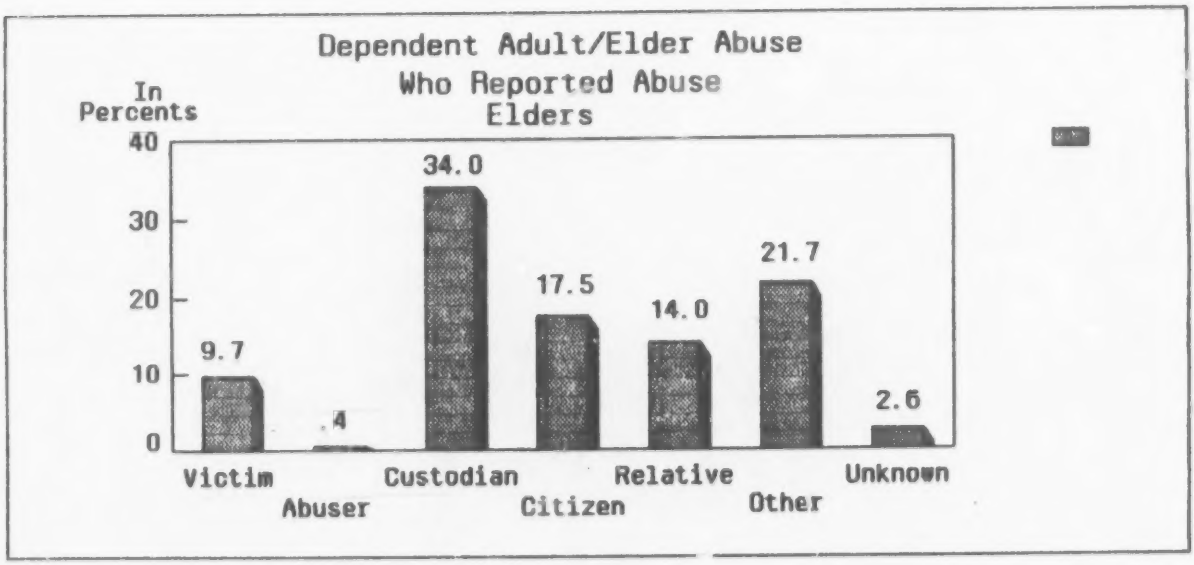
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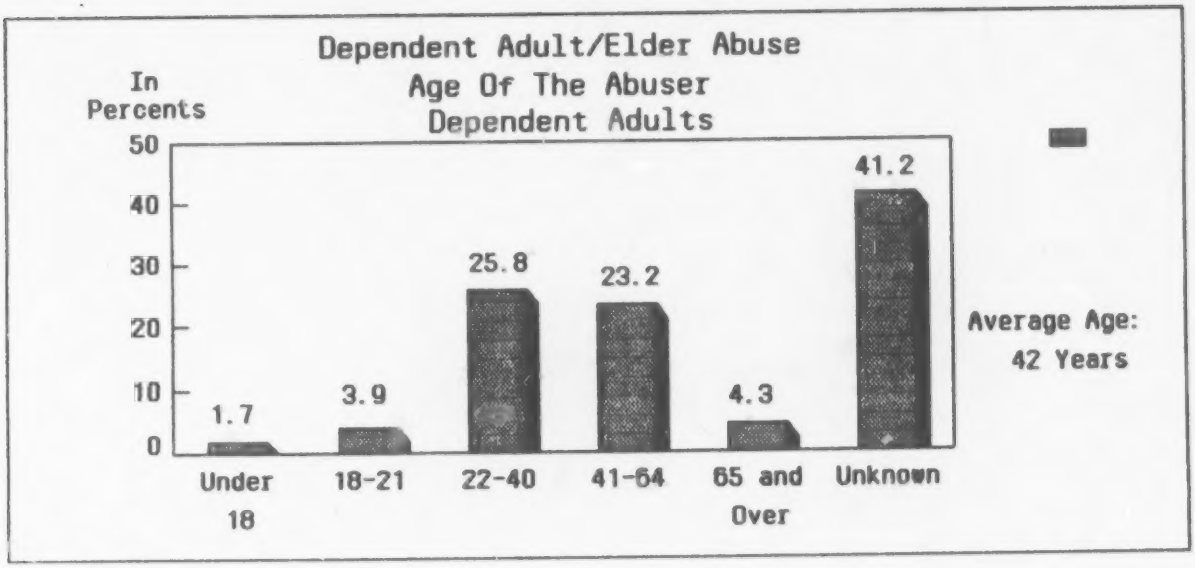
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41-64
65 and Over
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Average Age:
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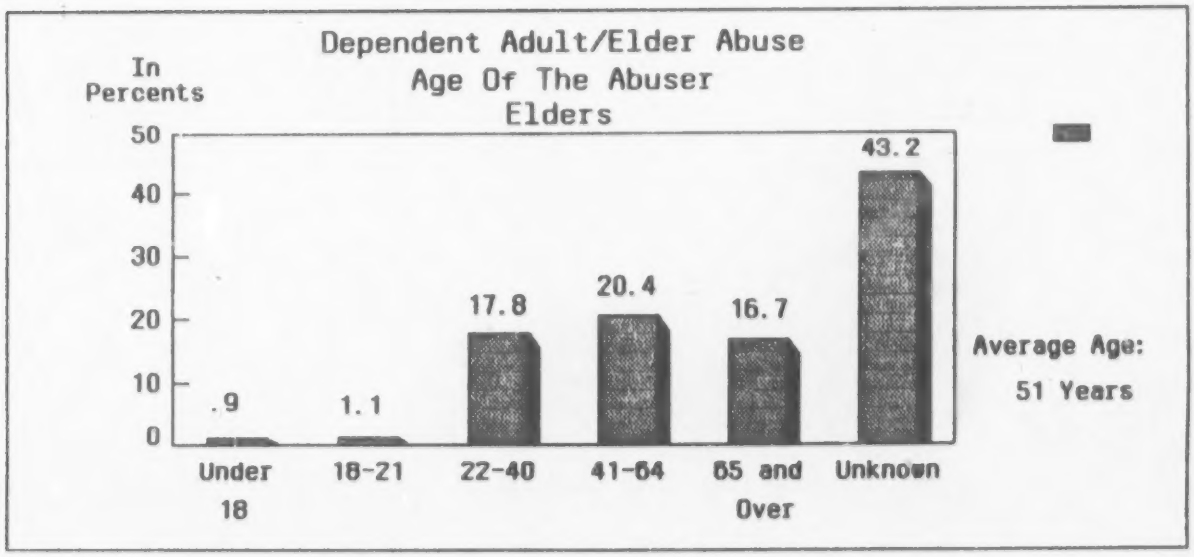
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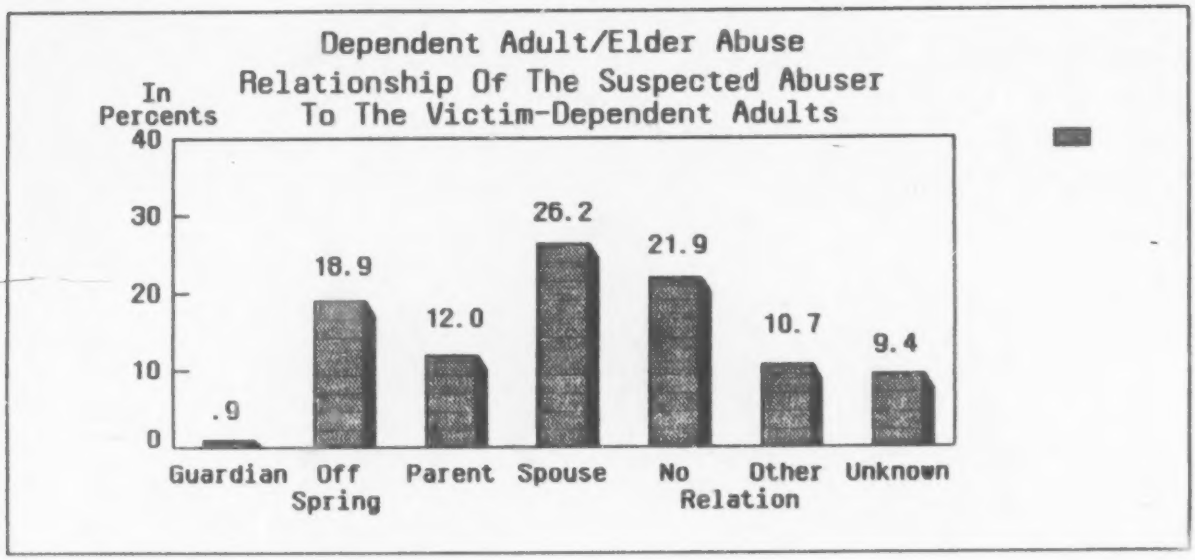
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Off Spring
Parent
Spouse
No Relation
Other
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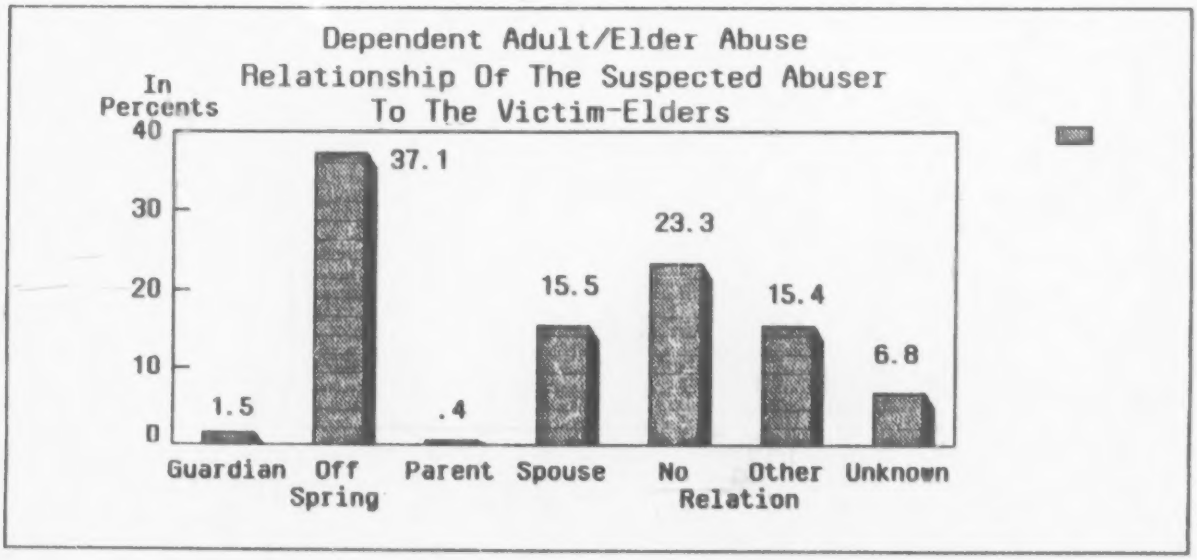
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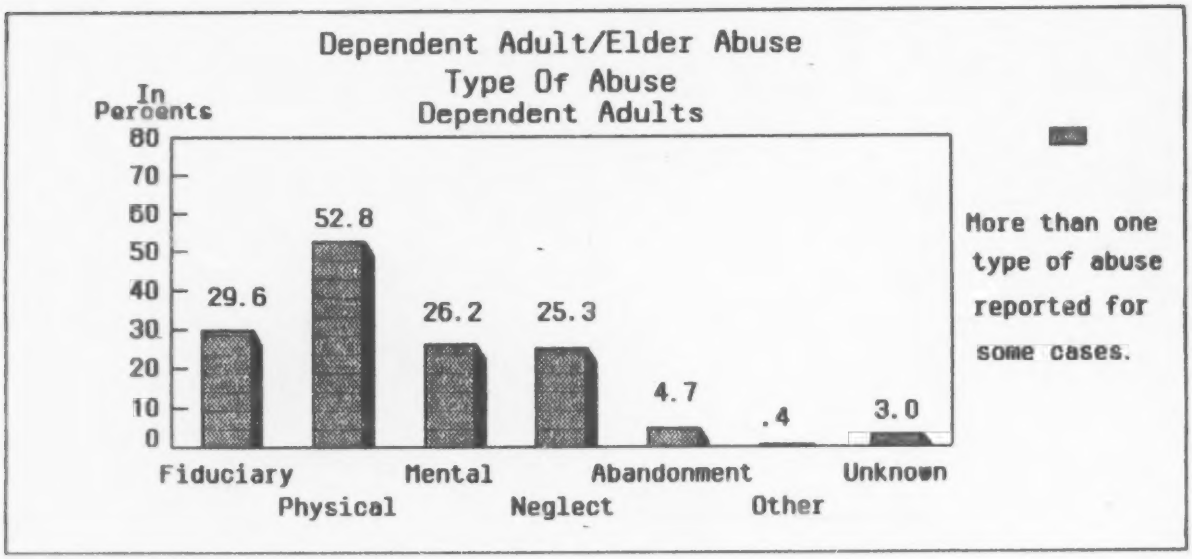
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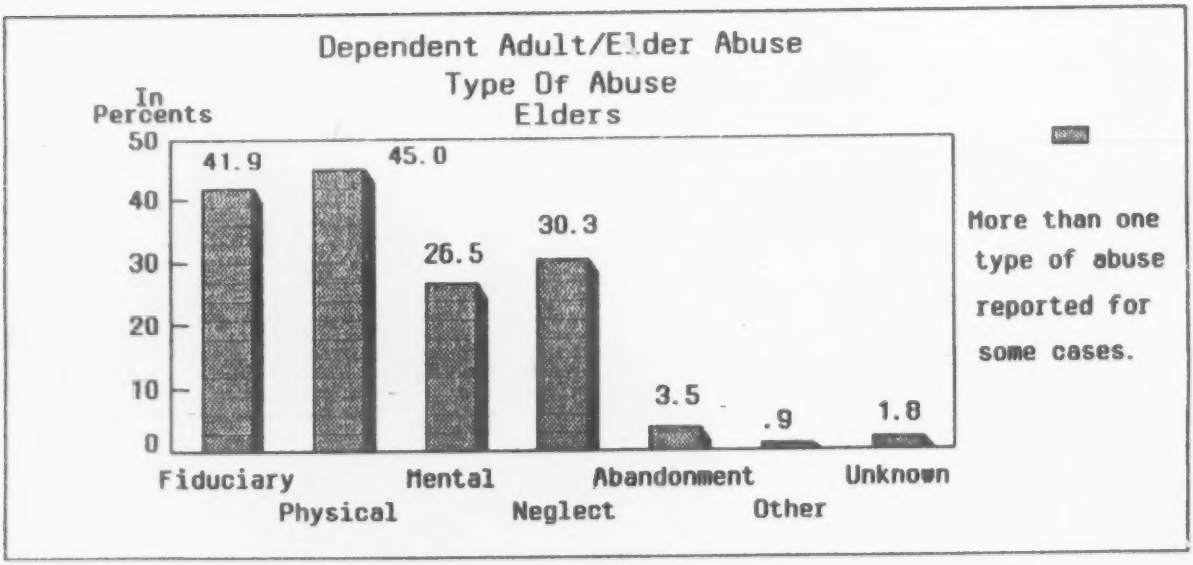
Mental
Neglect
Abandonment
Other
Unknown
More than one type of abuse reported for some cases.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STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPENDENT ADULT/ELDER ABUSE CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY — JULY 1984

A COUNTY	C CASE NUMBER (CO / SERIAL)	
B CASE NAME (LAST FIRST)	D STATE USE	E STATE USE	F STATE USE

THE ABUSED

1. Age: ☐☐
2. Sex:
   - a. Male ☐ 1
   - b. Female ☐ 2
3. Ethnicity:
   - a. White ☐ 1
   - b. Black ☐ 2
   - c. Asian ☐ 3
   - d. Hispanic ☐ 4
   - e. Other ☐ 5
   - f. Unknown ☐ 9

THE ABUSER

4. Age: ☐☐
5. Sex:
   - a. Male ☐ 1
   - b. Female ☐ 2
   - c. Unknown ☐ 9
6. Ethnicity:
   - a. White ☐ 1
   - b. Black ☐ 2
   - c. Asian ☐ 3
   - d. Hispanic ☐ 4
   - e. Other ☐ 5
   - f. Unknown ☐ 9

THE ABUSER (Continued)

7. Relationship of suspected abuser to the victim:
   - a. Guardian ☐ 01
   - b. Spouse ☐ 02
   - c. Parent ☐ 03
   - d. Offspring ☐ 04
   - e. Other Relation ☐ 05
   - f. No Relation ☐ 06
   - g. Other _____ (SPECIFY) ☐
   - h. Unknown ☐ 99

THE ABUSE

8. Type of Abuse: (Check all that apply)
   - a. Fiduciary ☐
   - b. Physical ☐
   - c. Mental ☐
   - d. Neglect ☐
   - e. Abandonment ☐
   - f. Other _____ (SPECIFY) ☐
   - g. Unknown ☐
9. Frequency of Abuse:
   - a. Daily ☐ 1
   - b. Weekly ☐ 2
   - c. Monthly ☐ 3
   - d. Sporadically ☐ 4
   - e. Unknown ☐ 9
10. Area Where Abuse Occurred:
    - a. Urban ☐ 1
    - b. Rural ☐ 2
    - c. Unknown ☐ 9

THE ABUSE (Continued)

11. Abuse Reported by:
    - a. Victim ☐ 1
    - b. Abuser ☐ 2
    - c. Custodian, Practioner, Employee, etc. ☐ 3
    - d. Concerned Citizen ☐ 4
    - e. Relative ☐ 5
    - f. Other ☐ 6
    - g. Unknown ☐ 9
12. Location of Abuse:
    - a. Private Residence ☐ 01
    - b. Institution ☐ 02
    - c. Other _____ (SPECIFY) ☐
    - d. Unknown ☐ 99
13. If Physical Abuse, check the extent of injury
    - a. No injury ☐ 1
    - b. Death ☐ 2
    - c. Hospitalization required ☐ 3
    - d. Healthcare provider required ☐ 4
    - e. No medical treatments required ☐ 5
    - f. Unknown ☐ 9

THE SERVICES

14. Was this incident referred for services?
    - a. YES, will accept ☐ 1
    - b. No services needed ☐ 2
    - c. No services available ☐ 3
    - d. Client refused ☐ 4
    - e. Unknown ☐ 5

If "NO" skip to Item 16

If "YES" respond to Item 15

15. The referral was made to: (Check all that apply)
    - a. CWD/Adult Protective Services ☐
    - b. Private Agency ☐
    - c. Public Agency ☐
    - d. Other ☐
    - Specify _____ (DSS) ☐
    - Specify _____ (DSS) ☐

COMMENTS

16. NAME (PLEASE PRINT) | TELEPHONE ( )

TEMP 1614 (6 84)

ITEM INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE

The Legislature has passed two bills (AB 1805 and SB 1210) relative to dependent adult and elder abuse and reporting of that abuse. These bills also require the State Department of Social Services to develop characteristics of the reported abuse, alleged abuser and abused and report that data back to the Legislature. This survey is intended to develop the characteristic data for that report.

STUDY MONTH

July 1984 is the study month. This means we want to gather information about accepted reports to the County Welfare Departments relative to dependent adult and elder abuse that took place in July.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Most items will require a single response. On those items where a multiple response is acceptable, a "check all that apply" notation is made. Unknown boxes are to be used only if data is not readily available to you.

ITEM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Age — If the actual age of the abused person is known, indicate in years. If the person making the report is able only to estimate the age of the abused person, indicate that number in years.

2. Sex — Check the appropriate gender box for the reported abused person.

3. Ethnicity — Check the ethnic group the person would most closely identify. Visual determination by person responding to questionnaire is acceptable. If no basis for determination is available, check unknown.

4. Age — Using the same basis as described in item 1 enter the age of the alleged abuser. If no basis for determination is available, check unknown.

5. Sex — If the gender is known, check the appropriate box.

6. Ethnicity — Using the same basis as for Item 3, check the appropriate ethnic group for the alleged abuser.

7. Relationship of alleged abuser to the victim — Check appropriate box indicating the relationship of the alleged abuser to the victim.

Guardian — Legal Guardian
Spouse — Husband or wife
Parent — Father or mother
Offspring — Son or daughter

Related, Other — Any other family member including step- and half-relations, relationships resulting from marriage or other full relations not indicated above, i.e., grandparent, cousin, aunt, uncle, etc.

No relationship — Not related in any way
If relationship is not known, check "unknown"

8. Type of abuse — Check the appropriate type or types of abuse for the incident being reported.

Fiduciary — A situation where any person who stands in a position of trust with respect to a dependent adult or elder, willfully steals the money or property of that dependent adult or elder, to any use or purpose not in the due and lawful execution of his/her trust.

Physical — A situation where any person who has the care or custody of or who stands in a position of trust with a dependent adult or elder, willfully inflicts upon that dependent adult or elder person any cruel or inhuman corporal punishment or injury. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, direct beatings, sexual assault, unreasonable physical constraint, or prolonged deprivation of food or water.

Mental — Deliberately subjecting a person to fear, agitation confusion, severe depression, or other forms of serious emotional distress, through threats, harassment or other forms of intimidating behavior.

Neglect — The failure of any person having the care or custody of a dependent adult or elder to exercise the degree of care which a reasonable person would exercise.

Abandonment — Desertion or willful forsaking of a dependent adult or elder by any person, health facility, community care facility, clinic home health agency, or legal guardian or conservator who provides goods or services necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering and who performs duties.

Unknown — If no basis for determination is available, check unknown box.

9. Frequency of Abuse — Of the types of abuse reported, check the box that most closely identifies the frequency of the type of abuse that is most frequent.

If not known, check "unknown".

10. Area — Check appropriate box as terms are defined.

Urban — An incorporated or unincorporated place with at least 2,500 inhabitants.

Rural — All areas outside urban areas subdivided into rural-farm and rural nonfarm.

Unknown — If area not known, check "unknown".

11. Abuse Reported by — Check the appropriate box to indicate the person that most closely indicates the relationship of the reporting person to the abused. Item C, relates to persons mandated to report for elder abuse and should only be checked for elders.

12. Location of abuse — Check the box that most appropriately describes the location of the instance of abuse being reported.

Home or private residence — Victim's own home or another private residence such as relatives or neighbors home.

Institution — Includes board and care facilities, public and private hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent hospitals, group homes and any other institutional care facilities.

If other, specify the location such as a public facility, business location, etc. A simple one or two word description is usually acceptable. If more space is necessary use comments section.

If unknown, so indicate.

13. Extent of Physical Injury — Check the box that most appropriately identifies the extent of the injury as it relates to the medical treatment required.

No injury — There was no physical injury noticed.

Death — Victim dies as a result of the injuries from abuse.

Hospitalization required — Injury extent was such that the abused victim was admitted to the hospital for treatment or observation.

Health care provider required — The injury was extensive enough to require medical attention on an outpatient basis by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other health care provider.

No medical treatment required — The victim's injuries were such that no medical treatment was required.

Medical treatment refused — There was injury which indicated a need for medical attention, but victim refused medical treatment.

14. Referral Action — Check the box that most appropriately describes the action accepted by the abused person.

a. Yes, willing to accept services — Abused person is willing to accept services from any or all available services.

b. No services needed — The victim was not referred to any services.

c. Services not available — The type of services needed by the abused person are not available.

d. Client refused — Services were offered to the abused person but were refused.

15. Referred to — Check appropriate box that most closely describes which agency within the community was able to provide services to the dependent adult or elder person reported as having been abused.

CWD/Adult Protective Services — Any services provided by the county welfare department, including adult protective services.

Private agency — Any group, association or agency primarily sponsored by private funds.

Public Agency — Any agency funded primarily by federal, state, and/or local revenue.

Other (specify) — Any other agency not covered in those identified above.